

# **DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

## **COURSE SPECIFIC OUTCOME**

**Understanding Political Theory: Concepts , Code: PLS-A-CC-1-1-TH+TU**

**: Approaches and Debates, Code: PLS-A-CC-1-2-TH+TU**

The CC1 and CC2 papers on Political theory introduces students to key aspects of conceptual analysis like state, nation, sovereignty law, liberty, rights, power and authority and democracy equality, freedom and justice in political theory. Students are equipped to take on in-depth analysis of Normative, Feminist, Post- colonial, Liberalism, Post- liberalism and System Approaches. They are also exposed to a detailed study of Marxism as a political theory, its specific modern applications and its value factor in resolving today's problems.

**Constitutional Government in India Code: PLS-A-CC-2-3-TH+TU**

**Politics in India:Structures and ProcessesCode: PLS-A-CC-2-4-TH+TU**

The subject matter of these two papers CC3 and CC4 enables the students to hone their skills in analysing the current political events in the country and develop an understanding of power and function of the different structures of the Government of India. The exposure to the debates on the nature of Indian Federalism, the role of the Election Commission, the nature of the Indian Party System help them to develop their individual perspective with regard to the dynamics of Indian Politics.

The subject matter of this paper is very important for different competitive exams like Railway Services, Staff Selection Commission, UPSC and others. This paper is very important in case of Media studies and Journalism in relation to Indian politics.

**Indian Political Thought– I Code: PLS-A-CC-3-5-TH+TU**

**Indian Political Thought II Code: PLS-A-CC-4-8-TH+TU**

These papers help students to understand Indian Society and Politics from the perspective of Indian thinkers with respect to different eras. Analysis of concepts like- Swaraj, Satyagraha Ahimsa and Nationalism enable the students to develop greater understanding of the Indian Freedom struggle and its various dilemmas. These papers generate awareness about India's heritage and polity among the students.

**Comparative Government and Politics Code: PLS-A-CC-3-6- TH+TU**

An understanding the structure and functioning of the Constitution of different countries-USA, UK, FRANCE, CHINA, RUSSIA and Bangladesh along with the comparative analysis of these different constitutions enable them not only to broaden their vision but also provides them access to a broad range of career options and job opportunities.

**Perspectives on International Relations Code: PLS-A-CC-3-7-TH+TU**

**Global Politics since 1945 Code: PLS-A-CC-4-9-TH+TU**

In these papers, students are provided with greater insights into international, political, economic, social and environmental issues which serve as a link between the local and the

global and enhance their contribution as researchers and diplomats. This paper is the basic premise for post-graduation in International Relations. It is also very important for Media studies and Journalism course in relation to Foreign Policy. The subject matter of these papers increases knowledge on Current Affairs which is vital for various competitive exams.

**Western Political Thought & Theory I- Code: PLS-A-CC-4-10-TH+TU**

**Western Political Thought & Theory II- Code: PLS-A-CC-5-11-TH+TU**

Understanding the thoughts of Western Philosophers with regard to the evolution of state, civil society and politics enables the students to critically analyse the development of different political theories and practise. It helps the students to understand the concept of post Marxism that reveals the, racial, class, and ethnic divisions of modern Western society.

**Political Sociology- Code: PLS-A-CC-5-12-TH+TU**

This paper concerned with exploring how governance and society interact and influence one another at the micro to macro levels of analysis helps students understand the relationship between society and politics, 'for any society to be understood, so must its politics; and if the politics of any society is to be understood, so must that society.' An understanding of political participation, social class and political attitudes, voting behaviour and its overall implications greatly help them in broadening their career prospects psephologists, political strategists.

**Public Administration-- Concepts and Perspectives Code: PLS-A-CC-6-13-TH+TU**

**Administration and Public Policy in India Code: PLS-A-CC-6-14-TH+TU**

These papers, focussing on the implementation of public policy, administration of government establishment (public-governance) and management of non-profit establishment helps in preparing students as future civil servants, specially working in the government and non-profit sectors. Graduates can also go on to become ambassadors, founders of non-profit organisations or social enterprises, and consultants at international organisations. They may also aim to be at the helm, holding leadership positions in private firms, as well as driving research and scholarship in various organisations.

**SEC PAPERS**

**Democratic Awareness through Legal Literacy Code: PLS-A-SEC-3-A(1)-TH**

**Understanding the Legal System Code: PLS-A-SEC-3-A(2)-TH**

These papers focus on specific understanding about Indian Legal System in relation to IPC, Personal Law, Customary Rights, Anti-terrorist laws and others, System of Courts/tribunals and their jurisdiction in India-Criminal and civil courts, writ jurisdiction and specialized courts like juvenile courts, mahila courts and tribunals. An idea is also given about the Laws (more specifically in India) relating to Women in respect to Dowry, Sexual Harassment and Violence against Women. Understanding

India's legal framework is very helpful for those who wish to take up Legal Studies as higher education. Some of the topics of these papers provide much help to students wishing to appear for Competitive examinations.

**Legislative Practices and Procedures Code: PLS-A-SEC-4-B(1)-TH**

The students are provided with adequate knowledge of the different tiers of governance in India in this paper. Understanding of rural and urban local self government systems in our country not only helps them to become effective citizens of our society but also expands their career opportunities.

**Elementary Aspects of Social Research Code: PLS-A-SEC-4-B(2)-TH**

This paper focusing on social research introduces students to various systematic methods of exploring, analyzing and conceptualizing human life in order to extend, correct or verify knowledge of human behavior and social life and is greatly beneficial if they have research interests in this field.

**DSE PAPERS**

**Gender and Politics- Code: PLS-A-DSE-5-A(1)-TH+TU**

This paper seeks to develop among students a more integrated knowledge about Gender in general and Gender Politics in particular; issues like domestic violence, honor killing, wife battering, racism and others are dealt both on national and international level. Such knowledge is very useful for the students, not only at the general level, but also helps them much if they seek their future prospects in various governmental & non - governmental sectors.

**Understanding South Asia- Code: PLS-A-DSE-5-A(2)-TH+TU**

This paper focuses on understanding the emerging issues and politics of South Asia with specific focus on socio-economic issues, identity politics, terrorism & refugee crisis in this part of the globe. This paper is the basic premise for post graduation in International Relations & is also important for students who wish to work on different projects in different foreign missions.

**Indian Foreign Policy in a Globalising World- Code: PLS-A-DSE-5-B (1)-TH+TU**

India's transformation from a post colonial state to an emerging global power is traced in great detail in this paper. An understanding of India's changing relations with USA, USSR/Russia, China equips the students to effectively understand the contemporary global scenario and its possible outcomes.

**Development Process and Social Movements in Contemporary India-  
Code: PLS-A-DSE-5-B(2)-TH+TU**

Contemporary India is experiencing widespread changes and developments in its society, polity and economy, resulting in a variety of social movements in recent years. This paper

offers an understanding of these movements, issues and discourses around them, and relates them to the wider society and resultant changes occurring within it. The students are offered a critical insight into the fundamental and ongoing debates and treatises around these movements which greatly serves their purpose in competitive examinations.

**Public Policy in India- Code: PLS-A-DSE-6-A(3)-TH+TU**

Policy analysis often includes a prescriptive dimension as well as a descriptive one. Students of public policy paper attempt to devise solutions to policy problems as well as to study governmental responses to them.

**Understanding Global Politics- Code: PLS-A-DSE-6-A(4)-TH+TU**

The paper is designed to reflect the global political changes in today's world; equips the students with a greater understanding of the changing nature of the sovereign state system & global inequalities which impact all nations. Finally the paper enables the students to cultivate a holistic and deeper interest in the dynamics of global environment & global civil society.

**Citizenship in a Globalising World- Code: PLS-A-DSE-6-B(3)-TH+TU**

This course explores theories of citizenship, the historical development of the concept and its practice in an increasingly globalizing world. Citizenship education prepares the young minds for greater civic engagement and participation.

**Human Rights in a Comparative Perspective Code: PLS-A-DSE-6-B(4)-TH+TU**

This paper deals with a theoretical study of the genesis of Human Rights and its gradual institutionalization. It also involves the application of Human Rights in the context of Indian politics and administration and makes a comparative analysis of human rights situations in several nations.

**Political Science (General)**

**Introduction to Political Theory Code : PLS-G-CC-1-1-TH+TU**

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### **Elementary Dimensions of Research Code: PLS-G-SEC-4-B(1)-TH**

### **Basic Research Methods Code: PLS-G-SEC-6-B(2)-TH**

This paper gives a short overview about the different types of research (exploratory, descriptive and causal), approaches (qualitative, quantitative) and various research methods such as observation, experiments, questionnaires, interviews, focus groups and uses of case studies. It enables the students to understand research methods for collecting and analyzing data as it is an integral part of research design.

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#### **Feminism: Theory and Practice Code: PLS-G-DSE-B-6-2A-TH+TU**

This paper focuses on analyzing gender inequality. It enables the students to explore theories like Liberal; Socialist; Marxist; Radical Feminism; New Feminist, and themes like Social reform movements and position of women, Gender relations in family which includes property rights too.

#### **Human Rights: Theory and Indian Context Code: PLS-G-DSE-B-6-2B-TH+TU**

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## **GLOBAL AND LOCAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE SYLLABUS**

### **Global Implications**

The UG Syllabus of Political Science delves into the study of political theory, constitutions, governments of various states, public policies, and legislative processes that make the students aware of the various policies that impact society and the state. It also helps them deepen their understanding of the various forms and nature of political action for interpreting meaningful phenomena happening around them both nationally and internationally. A large part of the syllabus focuses on global politics, international relations, and foreign policy and even covers

specific areas like South Asia and human rights in various countries. These topics enable the students to evolve a critical understanding of the contemporary world system and help them to cultivate a holistic understating of the world around them along with the contemporary trends in the international system. It develops in them a sense of responsibility to become global citizens in an interconnected world order. The syllabus generates analytical and practical skills including the ability to conduct research in International Relations and Global Politics at various universities in India and abroad. It broadens their careers as diplomats, intelligence analysts, international aid, development workers, civil servants (Indian Foreign Service), and research associates in international think tanks which on many occasions assist the bureaucrats in shaping India's foreign policy.

### Local Implication

Teaching and learning experiences (based on the syllabus) that take place within the confines of the classroom walls have given opportunity to students to link topics into learning in the local environment and community. They have developed the capacity to put in a real-life situation what they have theorized from behind the class desk. The syllabus not only offers avenues to learn core subjects but also explore additional avenues of learning beyond the core subjects for holistic development of an individual student. The Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) which grooms the children to learn legal issues like Consumer Rights, Right to Information, Laws relating to Dowry, sexual harassment and violence against women to name a few fosters a student-centric learning experience. The students tend to develop skills which not only makes them aware but also helps them to utilize their learning experiences outside of the classroom. They will be able to recall the course material and relate to their everyday life, in the society and interact with others to make sense of the world around them.